

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION IN HISTORY AND ENGLISH EXAMINERS' REPORT 2024 DRAFT

Part I

A. Statistics

All candidates

| Class | No | | | | | | % | | | | | |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2019 | 2018 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2019 | 2018 |
| D | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 33.3 | 20 | 41.7 | 38.5 | 26.7 | 14.3 |
| P | 10 | 12 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 66.7 | 80 | 58.3 | 61.5 | 73.3 | 85.7 |
| PP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fail | | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - |

All candidates, divided by male and female

| Class | Number | | | | | | | | | | Percentage (%) of gender | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|--------|---|------|----|------|---|------|---|------|----|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2024 | | 2023 | | 2022 | | 2021 | | 2019 | | 2024 | | 2023 | | 2022 | | 2021 | | 2019 | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| D | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 50 | 22.2 | 66.7 | 8.3 | 66.7 | 33.3 | 50 | 36.4 | 75 | 9.1 |
| P | 3 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 50 | 77.8 | 33.3 | 91.7 | 33.3 | 66.7 | 50 | 63.6 | 25 | 90.9 |
| PP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fail | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

B. NEW EXAMINING METHODS AND PROCEDURES

- A. This year all candidates took their three-hour timed written exams live in-person at Examination Schools.
- B. The classification rules were those used in Prelims 2019 and before.
- C. Candidates were informed directly by email in April and May 2024.

Part II

A. GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINATION

There were 15 candidates in the cohort (6M 9F), five of whom achieved a Distinction (3M, 2F).

B. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES AND BREAKDOWN OF THE RESULTS BY GENDER

C. DETAILED NUMBERS ON CANDIDATES' PERFORMANCE IN EACH PART OF THE EXAMINATION

All candidates took a History of the British Isles paper; the average mark was 66.9 (compared with 65.1 in the main school), and the range of marks was from 58 to 73.

All candidates submitted the Introduction to English Literature portfolio of essays; the average mark was also 65.5 (66.7 last year), with a range from 59 to 72.

11 candidates took a History Optional Subject: average mark 67.2 (66.6 in the main school) with a range from 62 to 73.

4 candidates took a History Paper IV paper: average mark 63.8 (65.3 in the main school) with a range from 62 to 67.

All candidates took a Literature in English period paper: average mark 68.3 (65.9 last year) ranging from 61 to 82.

D. COMMENTS ON PAPERS AND INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS

E. COMMENTS ON THE PERFORMANCE OF IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUALS AND OTHER MATERIAL WHICH WOULD USUALLY BE TREATED AS RESERVED BUSINESS

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